

**Chris O'Brien**

---

**From:** Cassidy McKee <cassidymckee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 2:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Against House Bill 5193

Chairman Marvin Abney  
House Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island State House  
Room 35  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

ATTN: Christopher O'Brien, Committee Clerk

***AGAINST House Bill 5193 - Establishment of Charter Schools***

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is Cassidy McKee and I live in Cumberland. I am writing to express my **strong opposition to Representative O'Brien's bill, H-5193**, regarding charter schools.

Charter schools like Blackstone Valley Prep and Achievement First receive LESS revenue per pupil than their traditional public school counterparts and have significantly better outcomes. If you are really looking to legislate in the best interests of all the students of the state, you should be focusing on WHY BVP and AF achieve better outcomes with less money, and figuring out how to fix the antiquated public school systems to deliver for kids. A change in funding won't fix anything. Any well informed public servant would know this to be true.

Holding thousands of families hostage in failing public schools for additional time does not solve anything, except maintain/increase the number of students you are failing. It makes more sense to get as many kids into high quality schools, as fast as possible, and leverage the opportunity of the changing landscape to fix the broken schools systems that have been set up in the best interests of adults, not in the best interest of kids.

Please oppose House Bill 5193 and let ALL children pursue the high-quality education they deserve.

Respectfully,  
Cassidy

Cassidy McKee  
19 Louise Luther Dr, Cumberland, RI 02864  
508-566-4863